

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1107

By Hensley

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Bill Legg upon the occasion of his naming as the 2008 Lawrence County Farmer of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Bill Legg, who was recently named Lawrence County Soil Conservation's 2008 Farmer of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Legg was first introduced to farm work as a senior in high school when his father bought an abandoned farm; and

WHEREAS, soon after graduation and following a period of employment on a merchant ship, Bill Legg purchased a farm adjacent to his father's land; and

WHEREAS, throughout the next thirty-seven years, Mr. Legg accumulated 1,000 acres alongside his father's 1,000 acres of land. Three-quarters of their farms are in managed hardwoods and pines and 500 acres are in pasture, on which they have 100-175 brood cows and 500 goats; and

WHEREAS, for the past twelve years, Mr. Bill Legg has devoted himself full-time to his farming endeavors, relying on the assistance and hard work of his wife, Peggy, and his father, Marion; and

WHEREAS, a leader in agricultural conservation techniques, Bill Legg practices rotational grazing, prescribed grazing, nutrient management, and pest management and has installed exclusion fencing to safeguard streams and their surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to the service and advancement of agriculture, Mr. Legg has served as President and a member of the Tennessee Forage and Grassland Council and as a

member of the Cattlemen's Association, the Lower Middle Tennessee Cattlemen's Association, and the Advisory Committee for Farm Credit Services; and

WHEREAS, Bill Legg epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Mr. Legg for his admirable efforts and outstanding agricultural success, which bring credit to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Bill Legg upon the occasion of his naming as the 2008 Lawrence County Farmer of the Year and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.